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Unified State Plan Update

The ICCSV will host a Regional Summit on Service and Volunteerism for Bartholomew, Boone, Brown, Hamilton, Hancock, Hendricks, Johnson, Madison, Marion, Monroe, Morgan, and Shelby counties on Tuesday, August 19, 2003 on the campus of Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis. Recently, Governor O'Bannon sent an invitation letter to United Way agencies in these counties asking them to invite up to 17 community leaders. The **mission** of the regional summits is to increase Indiana's capacity to address local issues by expanding opportunities for community service and civic engagement. The Commission will host seven additional summits in Evansville, Fort Wayne, New Albany, Richmond, South Bend, Terre Haute, and West Lafayette in the Fall. If your organization is interested in convening a local host committee or would like further information, please contact Mr. Carey Craig at (317) 233-0901, or by e-mail at ccraig@dwd.state.in.us.

National Conference on Community Volunteering and National Service

Chairman Lynn Coleman, Vice Chair James Perry, Parliamentarian Jill Warren, Commissioner Anne Marie Thomson, and Executive Director Joseph Smith attended the national conference in Baltimore, MD on June 6-10. The theme for this year's conference was "**Building a Culture of Service: Neighbor to Neighbor.**" A great deal of time was devoted to the discussing the status of AmeriCorps funding and many solutions were offered to resolve the problems with funding. Excellent workshops were provided and there were numerous valuable opportunities to network with commissions from across the nation. As an outgoing member of the American Association of State Service Commissions' (ASC's) Board of Directors, E.D. Smith was honored at the ASC dinner.

Celebrating National Service in Indiana is a Success

Over 300 participants from the National Senior Service Corps and AmeriCorps joined in celebrating national service in the State of Indiana in Indianapolis last week. The event was a great opportunity for training, networking and celebrating! The downtown Westin Hotel was the location for the three-day event. Training providers at this year's event included Project STAR, Campaign Consultation, Inc., the Indianapolis Help Increase the Peace Program, the Lifelong Learning Institute, the Center on Philanthropy and many more! Thanks to all who made the event a great success! The results of the evaluations are being processed and will be shared via our website at www.IN.gov/iccsv

Indiana Citizen Corps Council establishes Advisory Council

The Indiana Citizen Corps Council is in the process of selecting persons from the community to serve on an Advisory Council. As we aggressively promote diversity, our goal is to find persons in all sorts of leadership roles and expertise to serve and represent members of their population and to help promote the national mission of Citizen Corps. We are looking for Business Owners, Entrepreneurs, Community Service Volunteers, Faith Based Organizations, Industries, Schools, First Responder Communities, Media Personnel, Elderly, Minority Groups, and many, many more. If you or someone you know is interested in serving, please contact Ashley Cochran via e-mail at acochran@dwd.state.in.us or call (317) 233-0902.

AmeriCorps Funding Cuts

President Bush signed the Strengthen AmeriCorps Act today, July 3rd, which authorizes the CNCS to award FTEs to States and National Directs based on the OMB method. This means a total of 84 FTEs for Indiana formula programs. Indiana may also get up to 65 FTEs in competitive funding, for a maximum of 149 FTEs in Indiana. This is a significant step, but does not resolve the problem with the cuts in AmeriCorps funding - there will still be a 67% cut in AmeriCorps for Indiana. The AmeriCorps programs in Indiana continue to demonstrate exceptional leadership in addressing the need to restore funding for AmeriCorps and persevering in spite of this great challenge. Thank you for all that you are doing - and keep up the effort!

The Indiana Commission on Community Service and Volunteerism challenges the people of Indiana to strengthen their communities through service and volunteerism. We identify and mobilize resources, promote an ethic of service, and develop in communities the capacity to solve problems and improve the quality of life for all individuals and families.

Statewide Conference on Service and Volunteerism

The Indiana Commission on Community Service and Volunteerism (ICCSV) will host a statewide conference on service and volunteerism on October 22, 23, and 24, 2003 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in downtown Indianapolis. The event will bring together national service participants, community developers, and youth service participants. The conference is centered around three primary issue areas: Education, Citizenship, and Community Development/Empowerment. In addition to informative and interactive workshops, participants will have an opportunity to hear well-known personalities speak about the importance of civic engagement. During the conference, the ICCSV will host the Governor's Outstanding Service Awards Luncheon. Additional details are located on the Commission's Web site at www.IN.gov/iccsv under "Service Events".

Call for Presenters for October Statewide Conference on Service and Volunteerism

Do you or your organization have something to present in the field of service and volunteerism? Do you want to be able to share your best practices with those organizations involved in serving others? The ICCSV is currently seeking innovative and strong proposals, which will inspire conference participants to improve the communities in which they live through service and volunteerism. To complete a Call for Presenters Application, please visit our website at www.IN.gov/iccsv/conference. The deadline to submit a proposal is August 1, 2003.

Youth Philanthropy Jam

The Youth Philanthropy Initiative of Indiana (YPII) is hosting the first ever Youth Philanthropy Jam. It will be held on August 16th, 2003 at "The Barn" across from the Indiana State Fairgrounds. Register with and direct questions to Lydi Davidson at Community Partnerships with Youth, at (317) 736-7947 or via email at Lydid@cpyinc.org or with Jerry Finn at (812) 923-2065 or via email at JerryKFinn@aol.com More about YPII at www.ypin.org. There are only 100 spaces available for this event.

Tip of the Month –

Nonprofit or association management challenges? For more information, contact the Indiana Association of Nonprofit Organizations at 10 West Market Street, Suite 1720, Indianapolis 46204. Telephone: (317) 464-5324 Fax: (317) 464-5146 E-mail: hoconner@npteam.org.

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Important Deadlines and Upcoming Events

ICCSV Board Meeting	July 10, 2003
USP Regional Summit	August 19, 2003
Statewide Conference on Service	October 22-24, 2003

Available Now! National Service in Indiana: Streams of Service Working Together videos and DVDs are being sold for \$10.00 each (\$12.50 each if the item is to be shipped). To order one or more for your collection, please contact Ryan Brady at (317) 269-6065 or rbrady@indymca.org. You may also contact Kimberly Miller at (317) 274-6500 or via email at kimamill@iupui.edu.

Available Now! Indiana Volunteers License Plates (for front of vehicle) are available for purchase. For more information, please contact Brandy Wood at the ICCSV at bwood@dwd.state.in.us.